

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2570
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OPENING OF PUBLIC CALL OFFICES
SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have announced now policy for opening of public Call Offices in rural areas in the last few months;
- (b) the number of PCOs opened in the country, State-wise during each of the last two years;
- (c) the requests for opening of PCOs received from Gujrat, district-wise which are pending with the Government; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) The information is given in the Annexure.
- (c) At present, no application is pending in Gujarat for allotment of PCOs.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

ANNEXURE

Number of PCOs opened in the country during the last two years

SL. NO.	NAME OF THE STATE	2000-2001	2001-2002
1.	ANDAMAN NICOBAR	92	204
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	24401	20446
3.	ASSAM	2412	2157
4.	BIHAR	9924	10433
(Including Jharkhand)			
5.	CHHATTISGARH	—	151
6.	GUJARAT	6804	10256
7.	HARYANA	4535	4240
8.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1919	875
9.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	2630	2334
10.	JHARKHAND	—	1540
11.	KARNATAKA	12770	13912
12.	KERALA	9863	10656

13.MADHYA PRADESH	3156	3405
(Including Chhatisgarh)		
14.MAHARASHTRA	26352	31041
15.NORTH EAST-I	1173	379
(Including NE-II)		
16.NORTH EAST-II	-	37
17.ORISSA	5587	3745
18.PUNJAB	5402	1878
19.RAJASTHAN	7294	6836
20.TAMIL NADU	17471	18849
21.UTTARANCHAL	-	840
22.UTTAR PRADESH (E)	10020	9119
23.UTTAR PRADESH (W)	12763	7023
(Including Uttaranchal)		
24.WEST BENGAL	2190	5751
25.KOLKATA	4938	9699
26.CHENNAI	14075	10785
TOTAL in the network of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	185771	186591
27.MTNL, DELHI	5935	7728
28.MTNL, MUMBAI	19418	19460
TOTAL in the network of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited	25353	27188